

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the above-mentioned Final Office Action, claims 8 and 9 were rejected for failing to comply with the written description requirement; claims 1 and 11 were rejected as being anticipated by the abstract of JP 2001-112598A to Ishi et al. and the abstract of JP 2003-227282 to Noh; claim 11 was rejected as being anticipated by the abstract of JP 02003000399A to Suzuki et al.; claims 1, 2, 4, 11 and 12 were rejected as being anticipated by the abstract of JP 02003000399A in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,787,525; and claim 3 was rejected as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Sugihara as applied to claims 1, 2, 4, 11 and 12, and further in view of the abstract to JP 2003-010022.

The allowance of claims 5, 6 and 10 is acknowledged with appreciation; and these claims remain in the application.

An Application Data sheet is being submitted to remedy defects in the Declaration.

Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

New claims 14-25 have been added.

As stated in the present specification, an object of the present invention is to provide a pillow that emits anions and far-infrared emissions which improve the blood circulation in the neck and shoulders, serve to strengthen the immune system, stabilize moods, improve bodily functions, promote the expelling of waste products, improve respiratory function, relieve fatigue and promote more comfortable sleep.

Independent claim 13 includes the powder including perlite, pitchstone, titania (TiO<sub>2</sub>), silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>), and magnesia (MgO), and the pillow core including at least one magnet.

Independent claim 16 includes the powder including at least one poly-element mineral selected from the group consisting of perlite and pitchstone, and at least one far-infrared emitting material selected from the group consisting of titania (TiO<sub>2</sub>), silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>), and magnesia (MgO).

Independent claim 20 includes the powder including at least one poly-element mineral selected from the group consisting of perlite, pitchstone and tourmaline, and at

least one far-infrared emitting material selected from the group consisting of alumina ( $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ), titania ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ), ferrite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_2$ ), chromium oxide ( $\text{CrO}_3$ ), silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), yttria ( $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2$ ), and magnesia ( $\text{MgO}$ ); the powder being mixed with constituent materials of the pillow core.

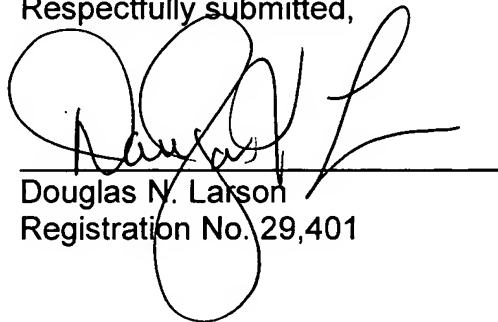
Independent claim 23 includes the powder including at least one poly-element mineral selected from the group consisting of perlite and pitchstone, and at least one far-infrared emitting material selected from the group consisting of titania ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ), silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ ), yttria ( $\text{Y}_2\text{O}_2$ ), and magnesia ( $\text{MgO}$ ); the powder being incorporated into the pillow core by dissolving the powder into a liquid solution and immersing the pillow core into said liquid solution.

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are patentable over the prior art of record. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order.

If there are any remaining issues, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel at (213) 689-5142 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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